

441—186.2(234) Eligibility. A family's eligibility for community care is established by department referral to the community care contractor.

186.2(1) Referral indicated. The department will refer a family for community care when all of the following conditions exist:

- a.* A child abuse assessment has identified a need for community care.
- b.* The child abuse assessment findings are one of the following:
 - (1) Abuse is not confirmed, but the child is believed to be at moderate to high risk of future abuse or neglect; or
 - (2) Abuse is confirmed but not founded, and the child is believed to be at moderate or high risk of future abuse or neglect; or
 - (3) Abuse is founded, the child is six years of age or older, and the child is believed to be at low risk of repeat abuse.
- c.* The family has voluntarily agreed to be referred to community care.

186.2(2) Referral not indicated. The department will not refer a family for community care when:

- a.* A child has been adjudicated a child in need of assistance. Court orders are not used as a mechanism for families to receive community care.
- b.* Any child in the household has an open child welfare service case with the department.